

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I live in Oklahoma and there is already almost no media diversity. The only major newspaper sold on the newsstand in Oklahoma City and most towns in the state is the Daily Oklahoman, voted the most biased newspaper in the country, and already the Oklahoman has begun to buy out our local tv news stations. Despite the proliferation of internet news sources, most people surveyed have been found to rely only on tv news and their views are surprisingly similar to those portrayed on the tv news. Loosening these rules will only reduce the amount and variety of debate, debate which is necessary for maintaining a democratic society. If you loosen these rules I can only assume that is what you intend to have happen.